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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Attached is the IDS (PTO-1449) filed 10/15/03. It has been considered and does not affect the patentability of the instant application..

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